

## **Coleman Forst and Emily Zwick Receive 2018 David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship**

October 23, 2018 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) –Coleman Forst of Marysville, Kansas, a senior in agricultural economics and finance, and Emily Zwick of Wichita, Kansas, a senior in agricultural economics, have been awarded the David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Coleman Forst is an active member of his fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, where he has held positions of Scholarship Chair and Vice President. He serves as a College of Agriculture Ambassador and has served as President of the Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness Club. He is also a student fellow with the Center for Risk Management Education and Research. Coleman participated in an international study abroad trip to Ireland in 2016. He has completed internships with Skyland Grain, Lansing Trade Group and INTL FCStone. Coleman will graduate in December 2018 and has taken a position with Gavilon. The Forst family is affiliated with the following cooperative: Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc. Additionally, Coleman's father worked for farmer-owned cooperatives for many years.

Emily Zwick is involved in student government, serving as a College of Agriculture Senator and in Panhellenic Council as a Director of Recruitment. She has served on the Student Alumni Board and Student Foundation. She is a student fellow with the Center for Risk Management Education and Research and a Vice President for Pi Beta Phi. Emily participated in an international study abroad experience in Ireland in 2016. She is a student assistant for New Student Services and completed an internship with Cargill in supply chain management. Emily will graduate in May 2019 and has taken a position with Cargill. The Zwick family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: Central Prairie Cooperative, Cooperative Grain and Supply and Flint Hills Electric.

The David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship has awarded over \$67,000 in scholarships since its establishment in 2014. David and Susan Barton came to Kansas State University in 1976 and have been contributing to cooperative education for many years. They are now encouraging the next generation to develop into strong educated leaders.

“The purpose of the David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship is to encourage the development of leaders in the agribusiness community,” states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. “It’s also to provide significant financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in educational programs emphasizing these areas of study.”

To be eligible for the David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship, a student must be either a junior or senior in K-State’s College of Agriculture at the time the scholarship is received and be pursuing a degree in Agribusiness or Agricultural Economics. The recipient must also have strong academic performance and be affiliated as a member or as a child or dependent of a member or employee of a company operating on a cooperative basis in the United States (including agricultural, farm credit, credit union, rural electric or rural telephone cooperatives).

The David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship was established by donations from cooperative leaders as a thank you to the Bartons for their years of service to cooperatives. Family and friends added to the fund upon David’s retirement from the university. David and Susan Barton matched more than twice the amount of each contribution made to the fund to further benefit outstanding students at Kansas State University. “Additional contributions by those who want to honor David and Susan Barton and support the purposes of the scholarship are welcome,” Dr. Briggeman said. They should be made payable to “KSU Foundation/Barton” and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, 342 Waters Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

#### **About the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center**

The Arthur Capper Cooperative Center provides research-based information, education and assistance to people with and interested in cooperative businesses, including cooperative members, directors, managers and employees. The Center also works with students and faculty at educational institutions, the general public and public officials as well as owners, directors, managers and employees of agribusinesses. Further information can be obtained about this scholarship or about establishing additional scholarships by emailing Brian Briggeman at [bbrigg@ksu.edu](mailto:bbrigg@ksu.edu) or visiting the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center website at <http://acc.k-state.edu/>.

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Photo caption is as follows: (left to right) Emily Zwick, Susan Barton and Coleman Forst at the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics Awards Banquet, October 12, 2018.